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Title: Ice Strainer Assembly for Use in
the Sport of Ice Fishing

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND
PETITION FOR CONSIDERATION OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant submits this Statement in accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98. This Statement is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), after mailing of a first Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing date of any of a final action, notice of allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution of the application, and is accompanied by a petition requesting consideration of this Statement, and a petition fee as set forth in § 1.17(p).

Disclosed in the non-patent publication entitled "Outdoor News" is a slush inhaler comprising a perforated trap door fitted within a cylindrical body of predetermined length for collecting and containing ice or slush from a drilled ice fishing hole. A handle of

elongate form having an end attached to the trap door serves as mechanical means for opening and closing the trap door for collection and release of ice particles.

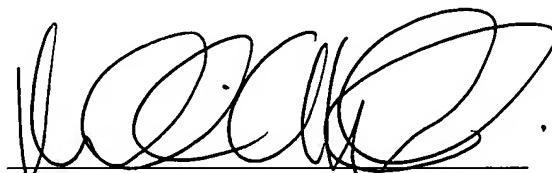
A copy of this reference, as itemized on Form PTO/SB/08B, is submitted herewith. Applicant respectfully solicits the Examiner's consideration of the cited reference and entry thereof in the record of this application.

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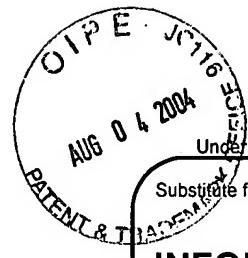
Consideration of the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), since the art reference presented herewith appears material to the examination of the application as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a).

Enclosed herewith please find the sum of \$180.00, as specified by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

Respectfully submitted,



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